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AUTOMOBILE AND TRACTOR PLANTS IMPROVE OUTPUT

MINEK TRACTOR PLANT PROGRESSES -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 39, 23 Feb 49

I. S. Kut'mish, manager of the "Beltraktorstroy" (Belorussian Tractor Construction) Trust, speaking before the 19th Congress of the KP(b) Belorussia on industrialization of the Belorussian SSR and construction of the tractor and automobile plants in Minsk, reported the following:

Construction of the tractor plant is progressing rapidly. A press shop, cast-iron foundry, tool shop, and motor shop are under construction. Each individual shop occupies more space than the largest building in Minak, the Government Building. This plant resembles a large city with a community center and many cultural and public institutions. Next to the tractor plant a heat and power plant is being built.

The tool and motor shops are already in operation. Production of starting motors and Diesel motors has been begun. All efforts will be made to start assembly-line production of tractors by the end of 1950.

The "Beltraktorostroy" Trust fulfilled the 1948 plan 114 percent, and labor efficiency increased 16 percent. Construction costs have been lowered by 1,100,000 rubles. The number of skilled workers in the trust has grown; over 700 among them are Stakhanovites and over 1,500 shock-workers. Wages have been increased and living conditions have improved.

Construction of the Minsk Tractor Plant is supported by a number of ministries and enterprises of the Belorussian SSR and of the Union republics. However, the Belorussian State Planning Commission does not give enough attention and support to the tractor plant construction and has been lax with regard to planning and distribution of construction material funds. Thus, in 1948, the Commission refused to give practical aid to the construction project, and in 1949 it has directed the trust to apply for help to the Union Ministry. According to a decision of the TsK KP(b) Belorussia and the Soviet of Ministers Belorussian SSR, the tractor plant is to be built without help from the Union Government.

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RUITSOVSK PLANT MAKES PLEDGE -- Pravda, No 77, 18 Mar 49

The Tractor Plant imeni Kalinin in Ruitsovsk, Altay Kray, has pledged itself to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 5 days in comparison with the 1948 figure and to release 3 million rubles for the needs of the economy. The Plant has already released one million rubles.

MIASS PLANT MAKES IMPROVED LOADER -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 42, 20 Feb 49

Workers of the experimental shop of the Ural Automobile Plant imeni Stalin in Miass, Chelyabinsk Oblast, prepared an experimental model of an improved "ZIS-5" automatic loading machine. Pilot tests on the machine have been satisfactory.

The motor of the new machine has been moved forward to achieve uniform distribution of the load on the chassis. This has permitted lengthening of the scoop and increasing the capacity of the machine by 0.3 cubic meter.

YAROSLAVL' PLANT PRODUCES NEW TRUCK -- Kommunist, No 39, 17 Feb 49

The Yaroslavl' Automobile Plant has started to build 7-ton trucks with Diesel motors in series production.

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